

House Resolution No. 2818

Whereas, Karen S. Helzer, an esteemed resident of Peculiar, Missouri, will officially retire from the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District on June 30, 2003, after a successful career in education that has spanned an incredible twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Karen Helzer has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youngsters as a Fourth Grade Teacher, Math Center Teacher, Title I Reading Teacher, and Sixth Grade Math Teacher at Peculiar Elementary School, the Shull Sixth Grade Center, and Ray-Pec Middle School for a combined total of twenty-three years, prior to which time she served as a teacher at Chapel Hill Elementary School in the North Kansas City School District for two years; and

Whereas, throughout her impressive tenure with the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District, Karen Helzer has greatly enjoyed watching as her students have grown to become successful, prosperous adults; and

Whereas, Karen Helzer firmly believes that a quality education is necessary for success in today's society and has continually worked to provide her students with the skills and knowledge upon which they will build throughout their academic careers; and

Whereas, a member of the MMSA and the NCTM who earned the 1970 Chapel Hill Elementary School Teacher of the Year award, Karen Helzer looks forward to her much-deserved retirement so that she can have more free time to pursue her favorite hobbies of reading, traveling, and making crafts; and

Whereas, a devout member of her church where she glorifies the Lord as a Sunday School Teacher, Karen Helzer has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Tim; her daughter, Becca Helzer, a graduate of the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District; her brother-in-law, Jeff Helzer; and her mother, Mary Garner; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Karen Helzer, a remarkable individual and stellar educator who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing and working with her:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Karen Helzer for her twenty-five years of unparalleled service to the Raymore-Peculiar R-II School District and to the teaching profession, and in wishing her the long, rewarding, and enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Karen S. Helzer.

Offered by _____
Representative Rex Rector
District No. 124

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2818, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker